

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

DNR-09

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

(LEYPOLDT) LEOPOLD HOUSE

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rocks Chrome Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Rocks

~~X~~ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☐ COMMERCIAL

☒ PARK

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ MILITARY

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Annapolis

☐ VICINITY OF

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: 365

Folio #: 68

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Belair

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A double house (side by side) of stone, uncoursed rubble, built into a steeply sloping bank with one storey on the present entrance facade (north) and two on the south elevation. There is a gable roof of moderate pitch with an east-west ridge. Fenestration is 6/6, in four bays on the major elevations, two windows on the north flanked by the entrance doors, grouped window and door on the ground level on the south, with windows directly above. There are single windows toward the north end of the lower storey on the east and west elevations, with small square attic windows in the gables. All openings have large roughly dressed granite lintels and sills. All windows have board and batten shutters.

The interior has been adapted to the use of the building as a single dwelling. There are two major rooms on each of the two storeys, separated by a masonry wall, with passages broken through. Only one fireplace remains, on the west side of the center wall on the lower storey. The brick chimney rises through the ridge of the roof. A winder along the west side of the central wall rises from the south to provide access between the floors, similarly to the attic. Among significant details are the upper entrance doors, which are five-paneled, pairs of vertical panels separated by one horizontal. The north and south elevations are finished by a row of header bricks topped by a row of stretchers.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES first quarter 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Leypoldt, or Leopold, house (named for its last private owners), is a rare example of an early double house, of particularly good proportion, masonry and exterior detail. It was owned for much of the 19th century by members of both the Kellog and the Street families, prolific clans who occupied most of the neighboring parts of the county. It may be an earlier residence of the Ebenezer Kellog family, who built the more substantial farmhouse just west of this one (Crowther house, DNR-Rocks-1, HA-). In any event, family ties are likely to have been numerous.

Specific dating of the house is difficult, and no help is provided in the deeds. Its physical characteristics would place it in the early part of the 19th century at the most recent. Some local tradition places the building at 1700; this seems unlikely, especially given the fact that the land in the area was not patented until late in the 19th century (probably part of "David's Hope", patented by David Tate, 1794: IC-1/600). It is nonetheless an interesting early building, and in spite of some severe interior compromises, deserves further attention. An explanation of its "double" aspect is still very much lacking.

Recommendations:

Routine maintenance and upkeep; exterior changes should be discussed with the MHT; when the roof is replaced (probably not before 1985-90), a more suitable material should be considered: standing seam metal, e.g.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Deeds

Sidney & Neff Map

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Hnedak

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

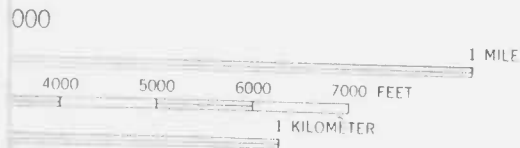
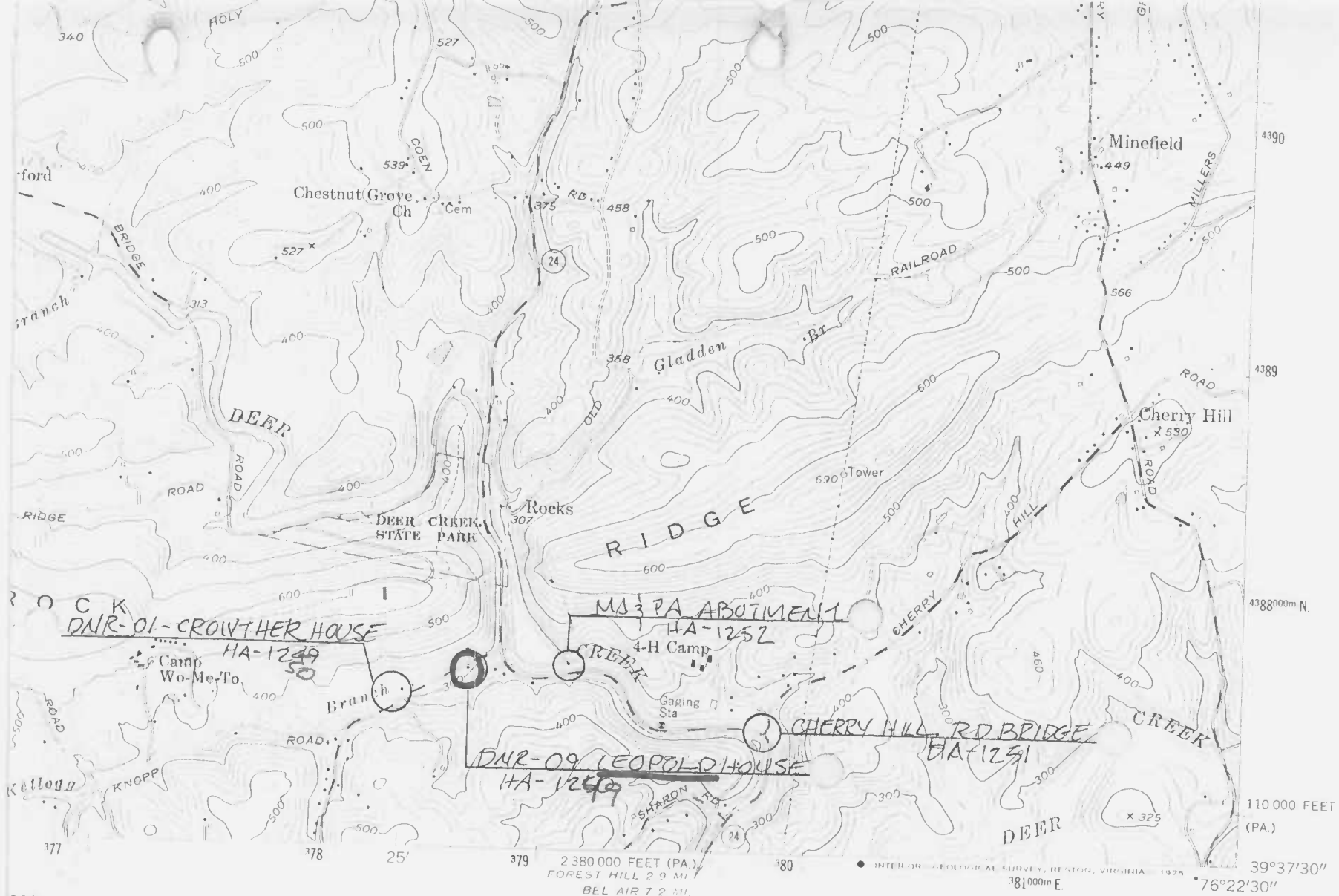
CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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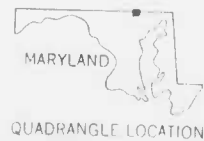
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



20 FEET
L DATUM OF 1929

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
EY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial
photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	- - - - -	Unimproved dirt
[] U. S. Route		[] State Route	

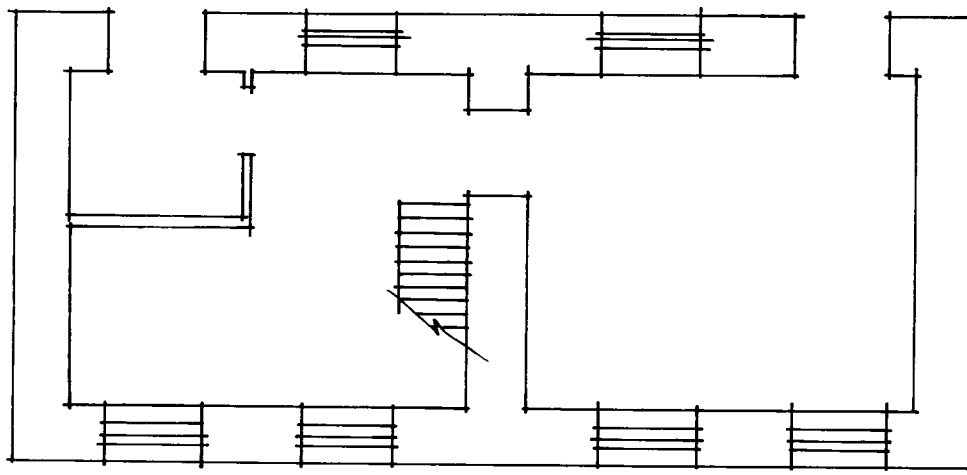
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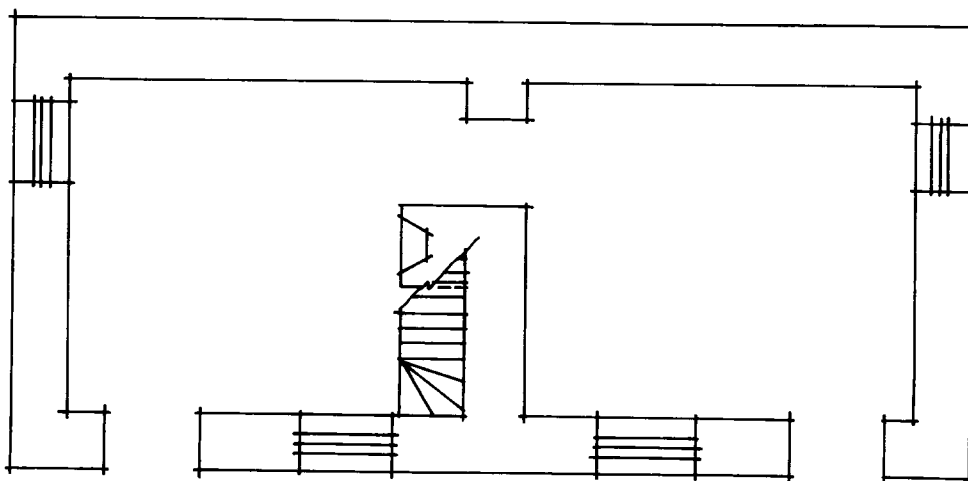
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UPPER STOREY PLAN



LOWER STOREY PLAN



NORTH

LEOPOLD HOUSE
(LEYPOLDT HOUSE)

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SCALE: $1/8" = 1'$

(MEASUREMENTS ARE
APPROXIMATE; DOOR,
WINDOW LOCATIONS, ETC.
ARE ESTIMATED)



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